



Collaborative Corner December 2022

URGENT READINESS REQUEST UPDATING OF ALL MEMBER'S CONTACT INFO

<http://www.safeguardiowa.org>

Season's Greetings Members and Partners,

As the busy month of December comes to a close, I add my personal wishes to everyone for a safe and happy New Year. It's been an exciting first full month as your Executive Director as we all dealt with a significant winter storm, just as the holidays approached. Thanks to our many partners who worked diligently before, during and after the storm to keep Iowa and Iowans informed and safe.

From the headline above, you can see my focus for the start of 2023 is to clean up one of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership's **most critical tools**, our database of members/partners.

For our partnership to work effectively to provide you the training, coordination, and critical information that you may need to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters and emergencies, we must be able to reach each other in a timely and efficient manner.

As we work with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management to formalize the establishment of an Iowa **Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC)** during future State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) activations, our contact list is vital to our government/public sector and private sector collaboration efforts.

As I've gone through our database, I'm finding many of you on this email distribution have changed positions, roles, and functions over the last two years. If everyone who receives this email would please invest 5 minutes of your time toward our future preparedness by going to our website at <https://safeguardiowa.org> and logging in at the top right of the page (there is a "Forgot Password" option if you have an issue signing in).



Once you're Logged In, then click on the "View Profile" drop down to update your membership and contact information.



If you are no longer the SIP point of contact for your organization, I would appreciate you emailing me your organization's current contact's info at jknox@safeguardiowa.org, forwarding them this email, and asking them to sign up as a "new partner" on our website at:

<https://safeguardiowa.org/become-a-partner>

This will allow us to associate their information with your organization and assign the current bundle coordinator. All applications are required to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors, so please don't delay.



If you have any questions or issues, please email me for assistance. Thank you for your continued support.

Jay Knox

Executive Director

jknox@safeguardiowa.org

INFORMATION FROM YOUR SAFEGUARD IOWA PARTNERSHIP

In addition to updating your partner contact information with your current emails and phone numbers, if you've not taken the time to "follow" Safeguard Iowa on Facebook and Twitter, please take a moment to click on the links below. These two social media apps allow SIP to provide updates and quickly "share" useful information from our many partners across the state and nation. I believe most of our partners share the philosophy, that when it comes to important information, I would rather receive it multiple times, via multiple channels, than never receive it at all.

<https://www.facebook.com/SafeguardIowa/>

<https://twitter.com/safeguardiowa>

PARTNER MEETINGS WITH NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I've started and continue to schedule meetings with our supporting public/private sector partners. I look forward to our discussions on enhancing our existing relationships and new opportunities for expanding our future training and collaboration that will continue to provide value to your organizations. As I work my way through our over 800 members, if you have an urgent training or support need, please email me at jknox@safeguardiowa.org

QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership's Board of Directors held their 4th quarter meeting on December 15th, 2022 at Polk Co. EMA. Vice Chair AJ Mumm thanked all the directors who served on the recent hiring committee as well as former Directors Nola Aigner-Davis (Polk County Health Department) and Chris Diebel (Iowa Business Council) for their service on the Board.

The Board expressed their appreciation to current Chair Curt Sullivan for his leadership over the last year as he moves to Past Chair. New Executive Director Jay Knox presented a five-year review of the organization's financial status with a focus on grant funding and sponsorships, as well as a quarterly SIP activity briefing.

The Board of Directors currently has 3 vacant director positions (1-Public Sector, 1-Private Sector, 1-Non-profit or Association). A nominating committee consisting of Past Chair Curt Sullivan, Chair AJ Mumm, and Director Adam Porath will now begin the work of identifying potential member/partners to fill our three board vacancies.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023 at 10 AM at Polk County EMA.

YOUR 2023 SAFEGUARD IOWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Curt Sullivan, Past Chair (Non-Elected)
Director, Compliance and Security Operations
Berkshire Hathaway Energy Renewables
Member since 2021

AJ Mumm, Chair (Public Sector)
Emergency Management Director
Polk County Emergency Management
Member since 2011

Lacey Hogan, Vice Chair (Private Sector)
Senior Emergency Preparedness &
Response Specialist
Alliant Energy
Member since 2022

Joe Russell, Secretary/Treasurer (Private Sector)
IT Director
Summit Agriculture Group (Private Sector)
Member since 2021

MEMBERS

Unfilled (Non-Elected)
Executive Director
Iowa Business Council
Member since 2022

Jay Knox, Executive Director/CEO (Board Appointed)
Safeguard Iowa Partnership
Colonel (Ret) IA ARNG/Federal Agent, USFIS (Ret)
Member since 2013

John Neldeberg (Private Sector)
VP of Enterprise Response Management
Truist
Member since 2022

Jeremy Sroka (Public Sector)
REP Program Manager
IA Homeland Sec/Emergency Management
Member since 2015

Sean Poston (Private Sector)
Security Analyst
Great America Financial Services
Member since 2022

Pat Waymire (Public Sector)
Assistant Director
IA DPS, Division of Intelligence/Fusion Center
Member since 2021

Vacant (Private Sector)
Open for full 3-year term

Adam Porath (Public Sector)
Sergeant
West Des Moines Police Department
Member since 2022

Vacant (Non-Profit or Association)
Open for full 3-year term

Vacant, (Public Sector)
Open for 2-year (N. Aigner-Davis Term)

The Board of Directors would like to wish our members and their families a safe and happy holiday season as we all look forward to the many partnership opportunities the new year will bring in support of Iowa and Iowans.

SAFEGUARD IOWA CALENDAR: <https://safeguardiowa.org/events>

Do you have an event that you would like us to include on the events page? Send the information to sip@safeguardiowa.org

We need and appreciate your continued support!

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation that began as a voluntary coalition of the state's business and government leaders, who shared a commitment to strengthen the capacity of the state to prevent,

prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through the collaboration of private sector business and public sector agencies.

Created in 2007, the Partnership empowers businesses to integrate business resources, expertise, and plans with those of government during all stages of disaster management. The government cannot and should not be the only responders in a disaster situation, as the private sector has a wealth of knowledge and assets that may be needed during an emergency.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) help to establish relationships prior to incidents when familiarity with each other's capabilities and response procedures are critical. These partnerships enable the public and private sector to develop all-hazard plans to pool resources/information, coordinate response/recovery efforts and share training/exercise opportunities.

Safeguard Iowa Partnership is dependent upon the generous financial support we get from our members, like-minded individuals/organizations, and grant funding. Without your support, we could not continue to provide the training and educational opportunities, information sharing and resource coordination that help make disaster preparedness, response and recovery more efficient and effective in Iowa.

We appreciate your continued support. To provide financial support for this year, please Click [HERE](#). Thank You!

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